

**EQUIVALENCY PROGRAM IN MUSIC THERAPY:
Curricular Requirements
(updated October 2016)**

The equivalency program consists of a set of courses that student with a baccalaureate degree other than music therapy (such as music performance, music education) are required to take beyond their undergraduate course work (as verified on their college transcripts) in order to qualify for professional certification as a music therapist. This checklist provides a **general** guide for those courses that are required. If a student's transcript verifies successful completion of an equivalent course at an accredited college or university (such as Abnormal Psychology), that course can fulfill the requirement for completion of the equivalency program. **Dr. Gfeller or Dr. Adamek will develop a curricular plan of courses for each individual equivalency student based upon examination of the transcripts.**

[Note: A description of the course content for these classes can be found in the University of Iowa Catalog. Check the University of Iowa website, <http://www.registrar.uiowa.edu/registrar/catalog/> for additional information.]

Requirements for Students with an Undergraduate Degree in Music (not music therapy)

- Select one course in the visual or theatre arts from this list. (3 s.h.)**
- ARTH:1010 Art and Visual Culture
 - ARTS:1010 Elements of Art
 - ARTS:1510 Basic Drawing
 - THTR:1140 Basic Acting
 - THTR:1141 Basic Acting II
 - EDTL:3180 Drama in the Classroom
 - DPA:3510 Introduction to Arts Management
 - Or other visual or performing arts class outside of music
- Select one of the following:
MUS:3850:OSCA Movement for Performers (2 s.h.) OR
MUS:3851:OSCA Intro to Alexander Technique (2 s.h.) OR
DANC:3085:OSCA Intro to Afro-Cuban Dance (1 s.h.)
- HHP:1100 Human Anatomy (3 s.h.)
- PSY:1001 Elementary Psychology (3 s.h.)
- PSY:2930 Abnormal Psychology for Allied Health Professions (3 s.h.) OR
PSY:3320 Abnormal Psychology (3 s.h.)
- Select one course on child development or psychology from the following list. (3 s.h.)**
- PSY:2401 Introduction to Developmental Psychology OR
 - PSQF:4106 Child Development OR
 - EDTL:6906:0EXW Exceptional Persons [or any course in child psychology or development]

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Select one psychology or sociology course from the following list. (3 s.h.)

- PSY:2701 Biological Psychology
 - PSY:2301 Introduction to Clinical Psychology
 - PSY:2501 Introduction to Social Psychology
 - PSY:2601 Introduction to Cognitive Psychology
 - ANTH:1101 Cultural Anthropology
 - ANTH:1401 Language, Culture, and Communication
- [Note: other courses in psychology or sociology accepted with advisor permission]

MUS:3665 Arranging for Band (2 s.h.) **OR**
MUS:1007 Garage Band (2 s.h)

MUS:1211 (MUS:1212) (MUS:2213) Group Instruction Piano I-III (3 s.h.) **
**Students can test out of this requirement by successful completion of a competency exam.
Improvisation skills are required.

MUS:3625 Techniques of Conducting (2 s.h.)

MUS:1120 Secondary Performance, Voice (1 s.h.)
(*voice majors are exempt*)

[**NOTE:** Most of the courses not in the music therapy core can be fulfilled at another college or university (including distance or on-line learning, or community college enrollment) as long as the course content is equivalent (as demonstrated through the course catalogue or syllabus) and appears on a college transcript. This will be determined through analysis by your advisor or your transcripts and other documentation.]

MUSIC THERAPY CORE REQUIREMENTS

- MUS:1687 Orientation to Music Therapy *Fall only* (2 s.h.)
- MUS:2671 Music Foundations in Therapy I (2 s.h.) *Fall only*
- MUS:2672 Music Foundations in Therapy II (2 s.h.) *Spring*
- MUS:3676 Percussion Experiences for Teachers and Therapists
- MUS: 3680 Music in Special Education (3 s.h.) +
- MUS: 4685 Music Therapy – Music Therapy with Children (3 s.h.) +
- MUS: 3690 Music Therapy – Music Therapy with Adult (3 s.h.) +
- MUS:4630 Psychology of Music (2 s.h.) *Spring only*
- MUS:4640 Introduction to Music Research (2 s.h.) *Fall only*
- MUS:3675:02 Practicum I (1 s.h.) (sec. 2)
- MUS:3675:001 Practicum II (2 s.h.) (sec. 1)
- MUS:3675:001 Practicum III (2 s.h.)
- MUS:4670 Internship (2 s.h.) ***

*** A six-month period of clinical training off-campus in an approved facility following

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completion of all other on-campus courses.
+ These three courses rotate over a 3-semester time period.

Additional Requirements for Students with Previous Degrees *not* in Music

[Note: Students with a prior degree other than music will require 50 semester hours of basic music courses (not including core courses in music therapy), with a specific course of music instruction determined by Dr. Gfeller or Adamek. The list below indicates those types of music courses that must be completed.]

- 2 years (4 semesters) of music theory
- 3 years (6 semesters) of college-level private lessons
- 3 years (6 semesters) of musical ensemble
- 1 year (2 semesters) of music history

Other specific courses may be needed (adding up to 50 s.h. of basic music)

